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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN CHECK ON COMPANY REGISTERED AS BROKER  
UNDER ITAR 129

REF: STATE 229023

1. (U) Embassy Econoff contacted the Diamondback Chemical Company, Inc., on November 1 and conducted a telephone interview with Mr. John "Al" MacGregor, Vice President of Diamondback. MacGregor was forthcoming and said that Diamondback is eager to disclose any information required by the ITAR 129 registration process.

2. (U) According to Mr. MacGregor, Diamondback, formerly named IMR Powder, is located in Mississauga, Ontario, a city of about 300,000 southwest of Toronto. MacGregor confirmed Diamondback's headquarters address as that given in reftel: 6733 Mississauga Road, Suite 306, Mississauga, Ontario, L5N 6J5. MacGregor said the company's main business activities are the manufacture of gunpowder and the loading of small arms ammunition. Remington, Federal, and Winchester are some its major clients in the United States. It also sells to NATO. A subsidiary Diamondback company, Nitro-Chem Corporation, produces ammonium nitrate for use in the construction industry as well as nitroglycerin for medical heart patches.

3. (U) MacGregor said that Diamondback holds all requisite permits and licenses regarding the manufacture and export of its products. He added that Diamondback has a registered sales office in New York that obtains approvals for its export sales to the United States.

4. (U) Please advise if additional information is required regarding Diamondback.

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